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C O N F I D E N T I A L ZAGREB 938

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TAGS: PINT YO

SUBJ: CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES IN YUGOSLAVIA

REF: BELGRADE 5738

1. CROATIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TOLD CONSUL GENERAL IN ZAGREB RECENTLY THAT LARGEST NUMBER OF COMINFORMISTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED IN SERBIA. WHILE COMINFORMISTS WERE ALSO ARRESTED IN CROATIA, MOST OF THOSE PICKED UP WERE USTASHI. HE DESCRIBED COMINFORMISTS AS FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS AND RANKING OFFICIALS WHO ARE MAL-CONTENTS DISSATISFIED MAINLY BECAUSE THEY NO LONGER WIELD POWER. THEY THOUGHT THAT NOW WAS THE TIME TO BEGIN MOVING. CROATIAN OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST COMINFORMIST ELEMENTS ARE CONSEQUENCE AND FOLLOW-UP ON ARREST OF BAR GROUP IN 1974.

2. OFFICIAL ASSERTED THAT USTASHI AND CHETNIK GROUPS (SOME OF LATTER HAVE ALSO BEEN PICKED UP RE ENTLY) WERE INDIRECTLY SUPPORTED BY COMINFORMISTS, WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO RESURGENCE OF THESE GROUPS TO BETTER BLAME PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICIES. HE SAID THAT COMINFORMISTS PROBABLY EXTEND DIRECT AID TO SUPPORT USTASHI AND CHETNIK GROUPS, BUT THIS KIND OF SUPPORT IS "NOT VISIBLE".

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3. COMMENT: WHILE RUMORS OF COMINFORMIST AND / OR SOVIET

INVOLVEMENT WITH USTASHI GO BACK AT LEAST TO MID-1960'S  
AND SURFACED LAST YEAR AFTER ARREST OF BAR GROUP  
(BELGRADE 5028, 9 OCT 1974), IT IS INTERESTING THAT THEY  
ARE APPEARING AGAIN IN CONTEXT OF PRESENT CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES. WE MAY SOON REACH THE POINT WHERE  
WE CAN BLAME EMIGRE TERRORIST ACTS IN THE U.S. ON THE  
COMINFORMISTS\*  
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